

tion of his newspaper, to write articles for publication therein, and 'by all other means consistent with his rank in life to promote the sale and character' of the said newspaper, receiving for these services .£1,500 a year.<sup>1</sup>

On his return to town Disraeli flung himself into the work of organisation with headlong energy. Premises had to be taken, offices to be planned, a printing establishment to be fitted up; reporters and sub-editors had to be interviewed and engaged, contributions to be secured from commercial authorities in the City, and home and foreign correspondents to be appointed and instructed. In all he was indefatigable. He employs his cousin Basevi as architect or arranges for the examination of title when a building has been secured. He writes one day to his host of the previous year at Coblenz, whom he found 'a most excellent fellow,' assures him that the new paper is to be 'the focus of the information of the whole world,' and that 'the most celebrated men in Europe have promised their assistance to Mr. Murray in his great project,' and enlists him, as correspondent for the Rhine. 'I have been engaged at the *magnum opus* unceasingly since we parted,' he tells Lockhart on the day following. \* I have received six letters from different correspondents in the Levant and Morea who all appear very intelligent. I have written to them fully.' Or again, 'Much, my dear Lockhart, has happened since we parted, I think of importance. In the first place *Maginn is engaged*. I called upon the Doctor shortly after your departure.' Maginn was a journalist of experience whose services they were

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a curious anxiety to minimise the part Lockhart played in connexion with *The Representative*, but there can be no doubt whatever that Lockhart was at first virtually editor, as there can equally be no doubt that he was quite unfitted for the post. It is worth noting that in the agreement between him and Murray, though Disraeli signed as witness, there is nothing to indicate that Murray had partners in his undertaking.